

PARTIES ARE SPLIT IN THE NORTHWEST BY RADICALISM

Farmers and Laborers Join Hands and Capture the Old Organization.

AFFECTS FIVE STATES.

Merchants, Bankers and Professional Men Unite to Overcome the New Combination

[This is the second of a series of articles analyzing political and economic conditions west of the Mississippi River, based upon a personal investigation in fourteen States, including twenty-five of the most important cities during the last thirty days.]

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CHICAGO, Oct. 5. (Copyright, 1920)—Radicalism which the average Easterner may have thought was in the wane has penetrated the politics of the West to such an extent that it is hardly an exaggeration to say most folks in the majority of the Western States hardly realize there is a Presidential election this year.

Far more important to the people of Montana, Colorado, Idaho, North Dakota and Washington are the local issues introduced by the Non-Partisan League or a coalition of the farmer and laboring elements. Party lines have been broken. The business men of a community, the bankers, the merchants, the professional classes generally, are forgetting that they were originally Democrats and Republicans and uniting to beat the effort of the agricultural proletariat to gain control of the reins of State Governments.

FARMERS AND LABORERS JOIN HANDS IN POLITICS.

Similarly the farmers and the laboring classes have forgotten their own party affiliations and wherever the Non-Partisan League candidates are listed as Democrats, the farmer and labor strength is mustered for the Democratic State ticket, as in Montana and Colorado; whereas in North Dakota, where the machinery of the Republican State organization is in the hands of the Non-Partisan League, the vote of the farmers is for the regular Republican State ticket, all of whose candidates, as a rule, have succeeded in getting their names on the ballots as the regular nominees in the primaries.

Therefore whenever reforms have been desired people who thought in political terms imagined that the third party idea was the best means to their end. Well, it went to the other kind of an end. The third party movement of 1912 nationally has gone by the board. Three cornered fights even in the States have proved futile. The advertising given the old party labels, Democratic and Republican, has made them preloved. The Non-Partisan League hasn't tried third party tickets. It has gone into the primaries and captured the regular Democratic or Republican organization. That's why there's so much agitation in the West to abolish the primary system and go back to conventions, where the choice of candidates can be more easily controlled and party machinery preserved. But the Non-Partisan League has enough strength for the present at least to keep the primary system, its most valuable asset.

NOW NEW ALIGNMENTS MAY AFFECT NATIONAL CONTEST.

It can easily be seen, however, what the effect on a Presidential contest can be when the absorbing interest in so many States is whether the Non-Partisan League candidates can be beaten by a coalition of another non-partisan character between conservative Democrats and Republicans. Of course one hears the Non-Partisan League leaders called "Reds" and "Bolsheviks" and "Radicals." In the sense that their methods are radically different from what has been the usual course of political affairs in the past, the whole thing may be called radicalism, but even the most ardent foes of the Non-Partisan League no longer call the average farmer or laborer who votes for the Non-Partisan League ticket "Bolsheviks" or "Reds." The epithets are reserved for the organizers and leaders.

It is amusing in some States to see how the Non-Partisan League, which denounces the "kept press" and the "plutocratic interests" for controlling the newspapers, turns around and establishes newspapers of its own and sponsors the news along lines favorable to the Non-Partisan League. C. A. Townley, head of the Non-Partisan League, is an dominant figure in the movement as far as the Republican Party. Opinions may vary as to the type of men or their bent in the community, but fundamentally each has his lieutenants and gives orders and controls his organization just as efficiently as the other.

COX HAS BOUGHT TO CAPTURE "NON-PARTISAN" VOTE.

Gov. Cox has encountered the Non-Partisan League movement in his State's past has conducted a campaign for President. He has analyzed the causes of the upheaval and has

\$1,750,000,000 LOST BY FARMERS FROM PRICE REDUCTIONS

Estimate Based on Amounts Producers Received From Wheat, Potatoes, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—EDUCTIONS during July and August in the prices of various farm products cost the farmers of the country approximately \$1,750,000,000, it was estimated today by George P. Hampton, Managing Director of the Farmers' National Council. The estimate was based on the prices farmers received for wheat, corn, potatoes, apples, cotton and beef cattle.

"A most important factor in placing the farmers at the mercy of the middlemen," the statement continued, "is the relative ease with which middlemen hoarders secure credit, while farmers are unable to secure credit at all or can do so only on terms which render their business on the average a non-commercial undertaking."

Insisted that it resulted from automatic price reductions, and that the extremes to which the Non-Partisan League has gone in its demands for State ownership of public resources and utilities is the direct result of extremists who gouged the farmers for their own gain as an example, and says that the farmers saw speculators reselling their wheat at higher prices and classifying the poorer grades as superior and so on. The State-owned elevators and co-operative marketing organizations averted the Non-Partisan League, in 1919, a proposal.

All this is controversial. Senator Harding on his front porch says nothing about it and gains the conservative vote. The vote of Gov. Cox is against everything Democratic. The Non-Partisan League press refers to radicals and finds it advantageous to build up a distrust of both Republicans and Democrats in the State organizations. So praise of Gov. Cox is mild and there is relatively little appreciation of his friendly words for the Non-Partisan League. Indeed, the Non-Partisan League is being attacked by the conservative Republicans and Democrats who are offended with his flirtations with the Non-Partisan League and his alliance with the rank and file of the movement.

DRIVE AGAINST CONTROL BY NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE.

But in the States where the fight for control of the State Governments is almost a matter of life and death in the opinion of the merchant classes the drive is against everything Democratic if the Non-Partisan League happens to have its candidates on that ticket, as in Colorado and Montana. In Idaho the Non-Partisan League has endorsed Senator Nugent, the Democratic candidate, for re-election. Republican leaders say this means a split ticket, as the farmers will vote for Harding for President, the truth in every case, including Washington, where the farmer and labor ticket is independent of the two old parties, the defections in Dubuque and elsewhere are considered at least enough to hurt Gov. Cox, who needs every vote he can get in the West.

Again, it may be said that among the laboring elements in the West the feeling prevails that Attorney General Palmer by his raids and Postmaster General Burleson by his suppression of radical publications during the war reflect a reactionary regime in Washington during the Democratic Administration and that they ought to be passed even though "another set of reactionaries" is thereby elected. If it were not for these handicaps, the Non-Partisan League would have a very good chance of capturing the vote of the West which has fallen on more fertile soil. The electoral vote of the West might have been captured by such action and an affiliation with the Non-Partisan League, but the losses in the conservative East might have made National success impossible. And besides, Gov. Cox is not a radical at heart but a successful business man, wealthy and aggressive, something which the average farmer and laborer is not. It is hard to get to associate with a permanent interest in the doctrines of the League.

Business, big and little, is waiting the outcome of the battle in many States. The fall in prices, the failure of crops, the tightening of credit by the Federal Reserve Board all have alienated both the farmers and business men, who feel that the National Government has something to do with economic problems. And the Democrats haven't had the money or the courage to prove that much of the trouble is due to the war and the reluctance of the United States to join a League of Nations to help stabilize trade and financial conditions throughout the world.

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